

D A R House
North Main Street
Albion
Orleans County
New York

HABS No. NY-6237

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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE NEW YORK	COUNTY ORLEANS	TOWN OR VICINITY ALBION
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) D A R HOUSE		HABS NO. NY-6237
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) North Main Street		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) c1840	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) Unknown	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) Good example of Greek Revival architecture.		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) Greek Revival		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Foundations are Medina sandstone; walls are red brick. Pillars and decorative trim are wood painted white.		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) Two stories, one bay, rectangular with wing.		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE Slight hipped roof, wide denticulated cornice meant to suggest entablature with stylized Greek key placed at intervals, four interior end chimneys on main block and one interior end (Cont'd on page 2)		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED)		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES c1844 Orson Tousley added wing c1928 house remodeled by Emma Reed Webster 9/17/29 house dedicated as D.A.R. Chapter House		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE D.A.R. Chapter House		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE The builder and original owner of the house are not known. Orson Tousley bought the house in 1844. His daughter, Florence, married George Church, State Superintendent of Insurance (Cont'd on page 2)		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) County Records, Surrogate's Office, Albion Wills Book 3, Deed Books 29, 105, 425, 551, 180. Signor, Isaac S. (ed.) <u>Landmarks of Orleans County</u> , Syracuse: Mason & Co., 1894, Part III.		
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Exterior features of note:

(Cont'd) chimney on wing, entrance portico with two Ionic columns and Doric pilasters supporting full entablature with shell motif cartouche above, entrance doorway has transom and sidelights created by two abbreviated plinths flanking doorway and two pilasters flanking sidelights, porch with four Doric columns and four Doric pilasters on west elevation of wing, bay window on south elevation of wing.

Other information as appropriate:

(Cont'd) and Comptroller, and lived in the house until her death in 1925. Her son, Sanford Yousley Church sold the house to Emma Reed Webster who remodeled it and presented it to the Orleans Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution in 1929.